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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT: ORTIZ DETENTION

REF: STATE 282678

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. AT THE END OF LENGTHY SESSION 11/25 MFA ON PRESS AFFAIRS  
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC (SEE BUENOS AIRES 8958) EMBOFFS  
ASKED WHETHER ARLIA OR OTHERS HAD LEARNED OF ARREST OF  
VOA'S AL ORTIZ ON NOVEMBER 24. ALL PRESENT DISCLAIMED  
KNOWLEDGE -- ODD, SINCE THE EVENT HAD BEEN REPORTED  
THAT MORNING IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, WHICH MOST  
MINISTRY PEOPLE READ.

2. EMBOFFS GOT IN REPLY STORIES OF SPEEDING TICKETS IN  
MASSACHUSETTS (ARLIA'S ONE-TIME BRUSH WITH THE U.S.  
POLICE) AND SPECULATION THAT ORTIZ AND WILSON  
PROBABLY WERE IN DISCUSSION AT TIME OF ARREST WITH  
SOME KNOWN MOTHER OF A WELL KNOWN TERRORIST. MUCH WAS  
MADE OF FACT THAT ORTIZ WAS NOT HARMED NOR FOR THAT  
MATTER EVEN "ARRESTED," ALTHOUGH IT HAD TO BE.  
ADMITTED THAT A "DEMORA" OF SEVEN HOURS WAS A LONG ONE.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 29 WITH CARLOS LOUGE  
(NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION, MFA). EMBOFF EMPHASIZED  
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CONCERN WE FEEL OVER ORTIZ DETENTION AND ASKED FORMALLY FOR AN  
ACCOUNT OF ITS CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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